



## Weekly News

### 2020 Turkey Festival T-shirts Available

If you're wishing you had a 2020 Tremont Turkey Festival shirt for your collection, wish no longer! To help support the Tremont Betterment Society, we have a small collection of apparel for sale.

To purchase, [Click Here](#)

### Tremont Town-Wide Garage Sales

The 2020 Spring garage sales will be Friday & Saturday, June 26 & 27. You must sign up by June 19 to be printed on the map.

The cost of participating in the garage sales is \$2. If you would like to participate and be included on the map, please contact:

**Linda Drake**  
[tremontgaragesales@gmail.com](mailto:tremontgaragesales@gmail.com)

For more information, [Click Here](#)

### London, France & Italy Tour Postponed

The London, France & Italy tour has been postponed to June 16, 2021 - June 29, 2021. Currently, we have a great group of 15 travelers with a few available spots for those interested in joining our group. In order to be considered for the trip, you must be a junior or a senior attending Tremont High School. Younger travelers would need a parent with them on the tour. Former Tremont students and members of the community are also welcome to enroll on the trip. Please contact Tremont High School Art Teacher, Mrs. Roller if you have any questions: [nichole.roller@d702.org](mailto:nichole.roller@d702.org).

To find out more about the London, France & Italy tour click on the following link:

<https://www.explorica.com/>

TourCenter ID: Gronvold-Roller-1884 (insert under register for a tour)



*Photo Credit of the Colosseum: Jennifer Hinman*

**Did you know...?**

## The Story Behind that Little Boy Statue in the Park

For 105 years, the Barefoot Boy statue has been quietly observing the village of Tremont as the time passes by and the village evolves. Some in Tremont know his story; many do not.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, a young girl lived with her family in the house that still stands today on the corner of North Sampson and Tazewell Streets. Her father, A.G. Norman, was in the shoe business in Tremont for many years. Viola Norman attended school in Tremont. And at an early age, she showed an unusual gift for drawing and painting. It was said that, "...in this (Tremont) community she was cherished and loved by everyone. Her sunny disposition made her a favorite among her acquaintances."

A neighbor, Nettie Washburn, noticed her gift, and became a mentor to her, eventually paying for her advanced schooling at the Chicago Art Institute, beginning in 1912. While a student there, Viola, for the first time ever, worked with clay. Her instructors were amazed at her natural talent. The art of sculpting was an unusual one for a woman at that time, but Viola excelled.

Her benefactor, Nettie Washburn, commissioned her to sculpt a statue of a young boy directly across the street from the Washburn home. In fact, the streets weren't paved at that time, but Ms. Washburn had a sidewalk laid from her front steps right across the middle of North Sampson Street to the statue. The steps still can be seen, though her home has been razed. Once it stood where the grassy area is, now owned by Cullinan's.

The statue, which at the time was also a working water fountain, was dedicated in a ceremony on November 7, 1915. It is said that Viola's younger brother Clay was her model. Nettie Washburn donated the statue to the town of Tremont.

After her graduation from the Art Institute, Viola became an instructor there. In 1923, she founded her own school, The Chicago School of Sculpture. She was held in high esteem by those in the art field. Prestigious people asked to be sculpted. She was even commissioned by Grace Coolidge, wife of President Coolidge, to immortalize their family chow dog in bronze.

Tragically, in 1935 her career was cut short from cancer. At the young age of 45, Viola was laid to rest in the Mount Hope Cemetery, buried in the Washburn family plot. Nettie Washburn had died in 1919, never seeing the many accomplishments of her beneficiary.

In later years, her brother Clay donated several of her sculpture busts to the Tremont Museum, where they are on display.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



*Photo from part of the Tremont Museum's Viola Norman display*

Pursuant to State Statute, public notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Village Zoning Board of Appeals on a proposed amendment to the Village's Zoning Code, such hearing to be held on June 25th, at 6:00 P.M., in the Tremont Community Center, 216 South Sampson Street, Tremont, Illinois.

The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the proposed changes to the Trailer Ordinance for The Village of Tremont.

To view the notice of public hearing, [Click Here](#)

To view the proposed new trailer ordinance, [Click Here](#)

## **Tremont Museum Exhibit**

Mark the date! We've rescheduled our exhibit: Apron Strings and Kitchen Things.

Opening weekend will be July 11 & 12 from 1-4 PM. More information to come.



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\* This section will continue to provide suggestions for 'at-home' activities.

### **Monday**

Pitch a tent in your backyard.

### **Tuesday**

Lace up your hiking boots and visit a state park.

### **Wednesday**

Have a picnic.

### **Thursday**

Sign up to volunteer at a food bank or other community program.

### **Friday**

Invite a few friends over to try out some new recipes.

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**Around Town**



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Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

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Thank you,

Haas IT Solutions, Inc. on behalf of Tremont Winning Communities

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